(a) whether the Ministry have cleared the construction of Tehri-hydro dam inspite of the intensive agitation by environment activists;

(b) if so, what are the orders placed by the Ministry in connection with the construction programme;

(c) whether the Ministry has created monitoring system; and

(d) if so, what is the structure of the monitoring system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) and (b) The Tehri Dam Project was accorded conditional environmental clearance in July, 1990 with the proviso that the Environmental Management Plan would be formulated within a given time frame and implemented Pari-Passu with the Construction of the Project. The Government has also accorded investment clearance to the construction of Tehri-Hydro-Electric Project in March, 1994.

(c) and (d) setting up of the Bhagirathi Management Authority was provided in the conditional clearance for ensuring effective implementation of the suggested safeguards. This Authority was set up through a Uttar Pradesh Government Order in March, 1990 but statutory backing through Legislative action is yet to be provided.

Encouragement to Social Forestry in Arunachal Pradesh

5568. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the steps being taken to encourage social forestry in Arunachal Pradesh with details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMEND AND FORESTS SHRI KAMAL NATH) : Under the 20-Point Programme, afforstation and tree planting activities including social forestry are carried out in all States/Union Territories, including Arunachal Pradesh, under various Central and State Plan Schemes like the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, Minor Forest Produce Schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests; the Integrated Waste lands Development Projects and Drought Prone Area Programme of the Ministry of Rural Development, Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects and Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers of the Ministry of Agriculture etc. The details of targets and achievements of the afforestation and tree planting activities in respect of Arunachal Pradesh for the last three years (1991-92 to 1993-94) are given in the Statement.

Statement

Targets and Achievements under point no 16 (*Afforestation/Tree Planting*) *of the* 20-*Point Programme during* 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94 *for the State of Arunachal Pradesh*

Area in hectarese
Seedlings in lakhs

	Target		Achievement	
	Seedlings Distribution (For planting on pvt. lands)	Area (Public land including forest lands)	Seedling Distribution (For planting on pvt. lands)	Area (Public lands including forest lands)
1991-92	10.00	10000	7.92	7860
1992-93	5.00	7200	5.00	720
1993-94	5.00	7500	5.00	7500